

September 4, 2019 Board Update

Director's Office



Internal

- Strategic planning session
- Various all staff meetings held across the state

Industry/External

- Tour of Fallon Dairy Plant with Global and Industry Trade Coordinator
- Governor's Conference on Economic Development

Partner Coordination

- United States Climate Alliance Natural and Working Lands group conference calls to address the states' needs regarding the climate alliance.
- Clark County School District and Three Square Food Bank leadership tours and meetings regarding NDA's partnership with commodity foods.
- Meeting with UNR College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Dean Bill Payne to discuss research project regarding horse fertility control.
- Attended Wildfire Summit Planning Committee meetings with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the Nevada Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada's Natural Resources and Conservation Service (NRCS), the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Assemblywoman Heidi Swank to plan a fall summit creating a strategic plan for mitigation and suppression of wildfire in Nevada, as well as post-fire rehabilitation.
- Attended the Western Association of State Departments of Agriculture (WASDA) annual meeting. The Director voted on two policies: one in favor of Nevada joining with western states to encourage the USDA to provide more funding for voluntary conservation land improvements on working lands, and a second to participate in the Invasive Weeds Action Plan with western states.
- Meeting with the USFS, BLM, and NRCS to discuss a multi-agency weed treatment pilot project. Participating agencies elected Paradise Valley and areas of the Martin Fire burn scar as the area of focus. BLM is creating an MOU between agencies to start funding and work.
- Meeting with Senator Catherine Cortez Masto staff regarding federal regulatory agency involvement in the hemp industry.
- Meeting with the Reno Rodeo to discuss the Reno/Sparks Livestock Event Center renovation.
- Natural Resources Leadership Breakfast
- Fallon Naval Air Station withdrawal stakeholder meeting to discuss coordinated state response to the expansion plan.
- Meeting with NDOW and DCNR directors.
- Meeting with Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority CEO to discuss the RSLEC and agricultural events in northern Nevada.
- Meeting with the USDA Wildlife Services state director to discuss the Predatory Animal and Rodent Control program.

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- Meeting with new Food Bank of Northern Nevada CEO.
- National Association of State Departments of Agriculture policy conference calls.

Executive

- Sagebrush Ecosystem Council meeting
- Fallon Range Training Complex meeting hosted by Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
- Governor's Council on Food Security meeting
- Meetings with Governor's Office advisors
- Governor's Cabinet meeting
- Meeting with the Governor's Finance Office to discuss budget account 4546

Legislative

- Bill status and implementation
 - AB 504 – Request for spending authority underway to secure the purchase of laboratory equipment for the NDA's Veterinary Medical Services account and for four replacement vehicles for the NDA's Livestock Enforcement account, as approved in this one-shot appropriation.
 - SB 390 – Amended the language in NRS 583, authorizing the State Quarantine Officer to adopt regulations regarding mobile poultry processing units. NAC is currently under review to align language and begin accepting applications for processing entities. We anticipate going to workshop early Fall 2019.
 - The NDA staff is in contact with Division of Human Resource Management on other bills passed in the 80th session of the legislature that will affect state employees.